

## General Meeting Notes 01/19/11

Next Meeting Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Luther Memorial Church 13047 Greenwood Ave N.

We held our regular meeting at the Luther Memorial church which is now our regular meeting spot (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm). Since we will be using the space on a regular basis the church asked for a \$10 a month donation. The request was approved.

### Updates:

Neighborhood Appreciation Day: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1pm. Bitter Lake Community Center. Numerous local groups will be there to let the community know about themselves. Lee is coordinating our involvement in the event. She is planning a table with flyers and info plus some seed planting for the kids. She needs volunteers to help out at the event and is also looking for small planting pots and possibly some soil and seeds. She can be contacted at [userlee26@aol.com](mailto:userlee26@aol.com) Please come out and see what's going on in our neighborhood, plus rumor has it the mayor might even show up.

Finances: Nancy informed us of the possibility of taking cash donations through the P-Patch Trust. The P-Patch Trust is a 501 c3 non-profit. They will set up an account for us and allow donations from groups and businesses to be tax deductible. Forming an account does take some paperwork and impose some book keeping requirements on us but was deemed a good idea as we move forward with our garden.

Reservoir improvement: The plan to develop the rest of the open spaces around the reservoir was awarded funding late last year. The city council has not yet approved the funding, but is expected to shortly. There will be community design meetings for the space this spring/summer. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Progress:

Because of the scope of the project, our initial development of the site falls into the Small Public Works category. As such, there are bidding requirements and a contract review process that will extend the time frame for beginning work on site. There is also some discussion of reworking the details of the eastern edge of our design to accommodate the reworking of the plaza by the Opportunity Fund development. Because of these variables no hard time line for construction yet exists. We do however anticipate that work parties will be necessary in April/May and beyond.

An executive committee was formed to deal with the details involved in organizing work parties and acquiring the materials necessary for making our garden real. Anyone interested in helping find resources (labor and material) making decisions on final details and organizing the actual work to happen is encouraged to join. We will be meeting more frequently than the larger group and will be staying in a little tighter contact so we can do what needs to get done to make our garden a real place. Please contact Nick to get involved [provo.nicholas@gmail.com](mailto:provo.nicholas@gmail.com)